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IN HONOR OF LORENE FOSTER

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Lorene Foster, who will turn 100 years young on October 20.

Lorene has been a resident of Simi Valley, California, since 1947. A real Simi Valley pioneer, she and her late husband, Chester, owned and operated the Simi Susana Airport in the east end of Simi Valley, where I kept my airplane when I was a private pilot. Lorene and Chester became my good friends.

Lorene has always been active and organized. She was involved in the Simi Valley Women's Club, PTA and served as class parent, 4-H, Campfire Girls, Bluebirds, Bridge Club, Boots and Slippers Square Dancing, Community Drama Group, Garden Club, and was a Simi Valley Hospital volunteer. Many of the groups she involved herself with she led or served as president.

Somehow, she also found time to travel around the world—twice.

Lorene still lives on her own and cares for her own finances. She still enjoys floral arranging, board games, cards, and painting. Lorene also enjoys her 3 daughters, 14 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues join my wife, Janice, and me in congratulating Lorene for 100 years of good and active living and in wishing her many more.

TRIBUTE TO CENTRAL COMMUNITY BRANCH OF THE YMCA

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a wonderful community institution in my district, the Central Community Branch of YMCA Greater Worcester.

For 144 years, the Central Community Branch of the YMCA of Central Massachusetts has worked to improve the lives of families in the Worcester community. The branch was established in 1864 to "improve the spiritual and mental condition of young men." The organization moved into its current Main Street home in Worcester in 1918, when the building was constructed. Since 1918, the building has undergone three major renovations in 1959, 1983, and 2008.

Currently, the newly renovated Main Street facility provides thousands of youth and adults with health and fitness programs, a range of classes, and sports leagues. The branch also offers the Worcester community an incredible diversity of programs in education, health, and fitness. Its Minority Achievers Program helps tutor high school children and guide them on the path to college. Its "Schools Out" programs provide hundreds of youth with safe

after-school education and recreation programs. Its summer camps in Sutton and Boylston provide families with wonderful summer programming. Its Kids on the Go program teaches children aged 8–14 how to lead a healthy lifestyle with exercise and a balanced diet.

On Thursday, October 2, 2008, the Central Community Branch of YMCA of Central Massachusetts celebrates its successful completion of the "Strength of the Team" capital campaign and its renovations through a ribbon cutting ceremony. The organization has invested \$5 million to improve the inner city beacon, allowing the community to be aware of its location. The renovation was driven by a successful capital campaign, which raised the largest gift to the branch in its entire history of \$2.2 million from the George I. Alden trust. It also was the source of the largest individual gift of \$500,000 from Gene DeFeudis. The wide support that this campaign received is tribute to the great work that the central branch does in the Greater Worcester community.

Madam Speaker, I commend this wonderful organization that brings together people from all backgrounds, cultures and religions for the purpose of improving the mind, body and spirit of all. I congratulate the staff, members and supporters of the Central Community Branch of the YMCA of Central Massachusetts for their successful "Strength of the Team" capital campaign, and I know all of my colleagues join me in thanking them for their wonderful work.

EMERGENCY ECONOMIC
STABILIZATION ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Madam Speaker, today's vote reaffirms the independence of Congress and makes it clear that we will not be stamped into spending hundreds of billions of taxpayer dollars in a precipitous manner. This legislation would have directed \$700 billion of the people's money to bailout rich and powerful interests who acted irresponsibly. It would have been a classic example of taking from those who have been responsible and giving it to those who have not.

We were told without this effort our country would suffer a financial calamity of historic proportion. However, Congress has spoken, and today's defeat of the bill is a rebuke of such scare tactics. These tactics made many of us even more skeptical of being rushed to act, especially when we are being asked to allocate hundreds of billions of taxpayer dollars.

There were no reforms included in the bill that would have addressed the initial root causes of this financial mess, so there is no reason to believe if we passed the bill that we would not find ourselves in a similar crisis and on the edge of a similar economic abyss over and over again. The elites in the financial industry wanted us to give them a blank check. Well, that's not responsible, and it doesn't take a financial genius to predict the resulting special interests feeding frenzy. Whether this feeding would ever avert an economic debacle is yet to be seen.

Effective reform takes time, commitment, and cooperation, which were obviously not a part of this speeded up, hysteria driven proposal. I remain willing to work with all of my colleagues in the House to fix our broken financial system. In the end, this bailout proposal was socialism for the rich, or better, socialism without a human face. It deserved to be defeated.

STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES GIFT OF
LIFE MEDAL ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to applaud House and Senate passage by unanimous consent of H.R. 7198, the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Gift of Life Medal Act of 2008. Representative Tubbs Jones' life ended as she lived it; by exemplifying concern for the welfare of others. She donated her organs in the waning hours of her life so that the lives of others could continue. In that spirit, this legislation creates a commemorative medal for organ donors and their families, recognizing the brave and selfless act of organ donation. It is a fitting tribute to her, and I look forward to seeing this program get up and running.

This bill is a modified version of H.R. 6950, which passed the House on September 25, 2008. We modified the bill in order to address concerns from the other body and ensure its passage.

Unfortunately, in modifying the bill, we had to delete findings included in H.R. 6950. I ask to insert these findings into the RECORD.

(1) Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones was dedicated to eliminating health disparities and protecting vulnerable populations.

(2) Through her service on the Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, she was a strong voice for those who were poor, elderly, racial and ethnic minorities, and disenfranchised.

(3) Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones' concern for others was demonstrated by the decision to donate her organs, so that as her life ended, the lives of others continued.

(4) There are currently 99,625 candidates for organ donation on the national transplant waiting list. Every 16 minutes, a new name is added to such list. Sixteen persons die each day waiting for a life saving organ transplant.

(5) Minority populations account for nearly 50 percent of those on the national transplant waiting list.

(6) Diseases that can lead to organ failure, such as hypertension and diabetes, are found more frequently in ethnic minority populations than in the general population.

(7) While minorities donate organs in proportion to their population, the rate of organ donations fails to keep pace with the need for transplants in the population. African Americans, for example, represent about 13 percent of the population and 12 percent of organ donors, but comprise roughly 23 percent of individuals on national transplant waiting list for kidney transplants.

(8) Transplantation success rates are higher when organs are matched between people